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From RIVINGTON'S [illegible]ETTE.

NEW YO[illegible]4.

Genuine copy of a lette[illegible] the Governour of N[illegible] [illegible] ſion. the Excellency Sir Henry Clinton

ELIZABETH[illegible] 29, 1779.

SIR,

AFTER having [illegible]ny delaying your and [illegible]n, being [illegible] the honour a few days ago to [illegible] to wait upon me to New York, [illegible] acquaint you that I am poſitive [illegible]entick proofs of a general officer und[illegible] and having offered a large ſum of money to an inhabitant of this ſtate to aſſaſſinate me, in caſe he could not take me alive; this, Sir, is ſo repugnant to the character which I have hitherto formed of Sir Henry Clinton, that I think it highly improbable you ſhould either countenance, connive at, or be privy to a deſign ſo ſanguinary and diſgraceful. Taking it however for granted, that you are a gentleman of too much ſpirit to diſown any thing that you think proper to abet, I give you this opportunity for diſavowing ſuch dark proceedings, if undertaken without your approbation, aſſuring you at the ſame time, that if countenanced by you, your perſon is more in my power than I have reaſon to think you imagine. I have the honour to be, with all due reſpect, your Excellency's moſt humble ſervant,

(Signed) WILLIAM LIVINGSTON.

General Sir Henry Clinton.

His Excellency's ANSWER.

NEW YORK, *April* 10, 1779.

SIR,

AS you addreſs me on a grave ſubject, no leſs than life and death, and your own perſon concerned, I condeſcend to anſwer you, but muſt not be troubled with any farther correſpondence with Mr Livingſton.

Had I a ſoul capable of harbouring ſo infamous an idea as aſſaſſination, you, Sir, at leaſt would have nothing to fear; for be aſſured I ſhould not blacken myſelf with ſo foul a crime to obtain ſo trifling an end.

Senſible of the power you boaſt of being able to diſpoſe of my life by means of intimates of yours, ready to murder at your command, I can only congratulate you on your amiable connections, and acknowledge myſelf your moſt humble ſervant.

(Signed) H. CLINTON.

William Livingſton, Eſq; New [illegible]

April 2[illegible]. By a veſſel from Bermuda we are informed from undoubted authority, that the *Joint Bermudians* in order to [illegible] privateering againſt his Majeſty's enemies, have paſſed a law [illegible] and 2-4 [illegible] on all prize goods taken by privateers and ſold in that iſland. The duty has already been paid.

BOSTON, April 15.

By ſundry letters [illegible] arrived here laſt Sunday from Nantucket, we have the following account [illegible] a part of the [illegible] Loyal Refugees, [illegible] Falmouth, viz.

THAT [illegible] ſail of armed veſſels arrived the [illegible] at 4 o'clock in the afternoon from Falmouth, upon which the inhabitants ſent [illegible] to know what demands they had, or what their buſineſs was. They were told that they were come after the property of the [illegible] in America, [illegible] Thomas Jenkins and [illegible]. They [illegible] landed near [illegible] with fixed bayonets [illegible] themſelves Loyal [illegible] (as it ſhould be) and [illegible] under commiſſion from the [illegible] of the Britiſh forces at Newport [illegible] began to break open [illegible] the ſtores, warehouſes, &c. firſt that of [illegible] Jenkins, which they cleared of a [illegible] barrels of oil, 2000 weight of whale bone, and ſtripped it of every thing, even to ſome ſilk and an old grindſtone, broke open a number other ſtores, took a large quantity of oil, moloſſes, ſugar, coffee, and all kinds of goods that came in their way, [illegible] 20 ſails of ſails [illegible] with them, cables, tow lines, great quantities of cordage, rigging, &c. alſo the whole [illegible] and [illegible] they came acroſs. A [illegible] or more were employed from [illegible] on Monday till ſix next morning, in plundering, inſulting, and abuſing the inhabitants, compelling them to truck down to their veſſels what they had taken from them. They owned they had been to Falmouth (in the county of Barnſtable) [illegible] they intended to have landed; but after proceeding with their boats along ſhore, they found no place ſo convenient as that they firſt propoſed (where a party of our people were placed) and made ſail and came in ſhore, eſpecially with two veſſels full of men, determined at all hazards to land; but as they got near in ſhore, the rebels who lay in ambuſh, roſe and fired upon them and killed 15, and wounded 20 more, whom they ſent off in a ſloop to Rhode Iſland; that Edward Winſlow, formerly of Plymouth, was commanding officer when at Falmouth, but being wounded by a ball through the breaſt was gone to Newport in ſaid veſſel; this was told by the ſentries, although George Leonard, formerly of Boſton (miller) pretended that he was gone to Rhode Iſland with the gout in his ſtomach. This Leonard being next in command to Winſlow, took the command at Nantucket, and Pelham Winſlow, formerly of Plymouth, was next to him, after Edward Winſlow was wounded; one Murray, of Rutland, was the third in command.

'There were with them who were known beſides, two of Brigadier Ruggles's ſons, of Hardwick, a [illegible] Plymouth [illegible] ſuppoſed Major [illegible]pham of Brookfield, [illegible] Tupper, Lemuel [illegible]urn and Samuel [illegible]erry, late of Sandwich, William Shearman and [illegible] Fuſy, of Rocheſter, Hicks, the printer, late of Boſton, a Barden, Chriſtopher [illegible], a Slocum, and two Stilles of Newport.

'They at laſt were told that a 20 gun ſhip and a privateer of the Americans were come to take them; and being told the people would not bear with them four hours longer, they retreated precipitately, carrying moſt of what they had plundered, but leaving ſome loaded carts which they could not ſtay to take with them; carried off two brigs with their cargoes bound to the Weſt Indies, two or three ſchooners, and a large number of boats; ſome things they could not carry off they deſtroyed. They told the people they ſhould come again very ſoon, and if they abuſed thoſe who were friendly to them, they would chaſtiſe them; that they intended to attack Falmouth again in a fortnight.

'Some of our people who were on the ſpot, obſerved Dr Tupper very buſy with them, and they ſhewed great partiality of friendſhip to their brother Tories.

'From the above account, compared with what they owned at Nantucket and the Vineyard, we have reaſon to think Col. Freeman, and the brave men under his command, gave the poor raſcals a decent drubbing."

The following proclamation of the aſſociated Refugees from the different parts of [illegible] [illegible]

TO further, in ſome degree, the ſervice of our moſt gracious Sovereign, and to afford the means by which the greatly injured people redreſs themſelves, his Excellency the commander in chief has at the requeſt of a number of Loyal Refugees permitted them to aſſociate and embody themſelves under officers duly appointed and commiſſioned, and to retaliate upon and make repriſals againſt the inhabitants of the ſeveral provinces in America, in a ſtate of rebellion againſt their Sovereign. The aſſociated refugees now think proper to declare in the moſt publick manner, the reaſons which have induced them to engage in this buſineſs.

And firſt they call God to witneſs, and they truſt their future conduct will prove, that they are not actuated by any deſign to prolong the horrours of war, or to increaſe the miſeries of their country; but on the contrary they do moſt ſincerely and cordially wiſh to ſee it again flouriſhing and proſperous, emancipated from Roman Catholick leagues, and freed from the intolerable tyranny of Congreſs and committee-men.

Impreſſed with a due ſenſe of loyalty to the beſt of Kings, and fully convinced of the mildneſs and benignity of the Britiſh government, theſe aſſociators gave no credence to the many wicked ſuggeſtions artfully propagated by the leaders of the people, to excite them to overturn the eſtabliſhed governments, and to raiſe a civil war; but always conſidered the authors of thoſe ſuggeſtions as the real enemies of their country.—For this they have been calumniated, inſulted, and impriſoned; have been compelled to abandon their dwellings, their friends, and connections; have had their eſtates ſequeſtered, and themſelves formerly baniſhed from their ſeveral homes, never to return on pain of death.

Thus circumſtanced, they conceive themſelves warranted by the laws of God and man, to wage war againſt their inhuman perſecutors, and to uſe every means in their power to obtain redreſs and compenſation for the indignities and loſſes they have ſuffered.

Generally acquainted with the country and its inhabitants, it is their intention to diſtinguiſh between the faithful loyaliſt and the inſidious rebel, between the peaceful citizen and the perſecuting committee-man. But as damage may be done by their parties through ignorance or inattention to the property of ſome well affected to the King's cauſe, the aſſociated refugees promiſe and engage to make ſatisfaction from the common ſtock of the aſſociation.

And they call on and invite all thoſe of their countrymen, who ſtill preſerve their loyalty to to his Moſt Gracious Majeſty George the Third, as well as on all thoſe who ſenſible of the wretched ſtate of their country, have at length grown weary of Congreſſional tyranny and paper money, and who now hate with the true ſpirit of Engliſh ſubjects, French foppery, French politicks, French religion and alliances, to join with them in their endeavours, to recover for their country, its ancient form of government, together with the ineſtimable bleſſings of peace, and the friendſhip and protection of Great Britain.

Signed [illegible] at Newport, the [illegible]th day of March, 1779, *by order and in behalf of the aſſociators*,

JAMES CLARK, Sec.

Ha! Ha! Ha! Riſum teneatis Amici?

CHARLESTOWN, *April* 21.

LAST Wedneſday arrived here from the Weſt Indies, with a large ſupply of military ſtores, the brig Hercules, Capt. Joſiah Young, and the ſchooner Fly, Capt. C[illegible] Morgan, by which we have the following advices: That Count D'E[illegible]'s ſquadron, at Martinique, had on the 18th day of February, been reinforced by the Robuſte and Magnanime of 74 guns each, the Dauphin Royal of 70, and the Vengeur of 64, from France, under the command of Count de Graſſe; and that he daily expected a further reinforcement of [illegible]. Admiral Byron having alſo received a reinforcement at St. Lucia, which [illegible] [illegible] Count D'E[illegible] on the [illegible] of March, [illegible] 13 [illegible] Admiral Byron's ſquadron came out of St. Lucia, [illegible] likewiſe with his fleet; the Admiral Byron [illegible] coming out with the [illegible] ſhips, he was [illegible] to put back to Martinique, [illegible] was the only time Admiral Byron [illegible] his arrival at St. Lucia, or the Count D'E[illegible] ſince his return from the [illegible], had [illegible] forces. Blending the many accounts we have had of the ing up of the French by the Britiſh fleet. That the French fleet conſiſted, three weeks ago, of only fifteen ſhips of the line, one of fifty guns, and nine frigates; and the Britiſh of twenty one of the line, three of fifty guns, and twelve frigates. That the French ſhips were all clean, and conſequently might ſlip away whenever they thought proper from Byron, whoſe fleet were all foul. That the French frigates were very ſucceſsful in cruiſing, particularly the Iphigenie, which ſince the capture of the Ceres, had taken ſeveral Briſtol and Liverpool ſhips of twenty guns and upwards. That on the 5th inſtant, five French frigates and ſmaller veſſels of war, and ſix Engliſh, were in ſight of each other the whole day, [illegible] up in line of battle, without coming to an engagement; [illegible] it is probable the French only [illegible] to purſue ſome more important object, [illegible] was improper any thing ſhould divert them. That the leeward iſlands were ſuffering exceſſively from an uncommon drought, and [illegible] of all their ſtock and freſh proviſions to ſupply the army and navy at St. Lucia, who were [illegible] very ſickly. That the capital privateer fitted out from Antigua, a brig that it was [illegible] would make ample fortunes for every one concerned, is taken by a Boſton privateer. That a Dutch man of war of fifty eight guns, and a frigate of thirty two, had lately arrived at St. Euſtatius with a [illegible] quantity of money on board. And that on the [illegible] of March a flag, ſent from Martinique with ninety Engliſh priſoners, arrived at Nevis, which having fallen in with two American veſſels, [illegible] Engliſh ſeamen on board, under pretence of [illegible] ſtock, boarded them, and carried them as prizes into Nevis, where, it was ſaid, they had been condemned.

PHILADELPHIA, April 20.

SATURDAY laſt arrived here from Cadiz, a polacre, with a large and general aſſortment of dry and wet goods; by her we learn, that the ſpirit of France is at the higheſt pitch, and their only ambition is to increaſe their navy; that the ſquadron at Breſt does conſiſt of 35 ſhips, from 70 to 100 guns, and would be ready for ſea by the 15th of May; that Monſieur de Fabry is at Toulon with 12 ſail of the line, and 6 frigates; the Engliſh have only 2 ſhips and 2 frigates at Gibraltar, to guard their trade in the Mediterranean; that two of the Smyrna Company ſhips, valued at 3,600,000 livres, are taken and carried into Breſt; that the privateer Royal Charlotte, of 44 guns, fitted out by the Queen of England, was taken on her firſt cruiſe; that the French frigates have ſo effectually ſwept the French coaſt, that all the Britiſh privateers are taken or returned into port. The court of France has obliged the Dutch to declare their ſentiments, who have requeſted to remain neuter, and have offered France to furniſh her with all the cordage, [illegible] and maſts, for their navy, and oblige themſelves to carry them [illegible] own riſk, and have ſignified to Great Britain, that if any of their ſhips are ſeized or ſtopped, they ſhall look on it as a declaration of war, and act accordingly; that the King of Pruſſia and the Emperor of Germany had ſettled their diſpute through the mediation of France and the Empreſs of Ruſſia; that the frigate Bird, of 26 guns, belonging to France, was taken by an Engliſh ſhip of [illegible] guns, after a [illegible] engagement of 7 hours, the [illegible] to ſave thirty veſſels ſhe had under convoy, who all made their eſcape and got ſafe into port; that two commiſſioners had arrived in France to ſettle an exchange of priſoners, when they were told that they might keep the French priſoners they had and uſe them well, as they ſhould do the 20,000 Engliſh priſoners they had in France; that the American frigate Confederacy, with the Marquis la Fayette on board, arrived in France in 22 days from Boſton. On board of the Confederacy was formed, by the crew, (among which was a number of Burgoyne's ſoldiers) a plot to murder the Marquis and officers, and carry the ſhip to England, but it being diſcovered in time, the villains were ſecured, and will no doubt reap the fruits of their villainy.

WILLIAMSBURG, May 15.

LAST Sunday an expreſs arrived here from Hampton, informing of a number of the Britiſh fleet appearing off Old Point Comfort, conſiſting of four men of war, fifteen tranſport ſhips, ſeven tenders, and one galley, with upwards of [illegible] men, and about a hundred flat bottomed boats. The next day they landed their troops, who took the fort at Portſmouth, burnt ſeveral [illegible] and deſtroyed a number of veſſels there. The [illegible] who commanded in the fort found the enemy [illegible] ſuperiour to him [illegible] after ſpiking up the cannon. The enemy have ſince marched and taken the town of Suffolk, burnt a conſiderable part thereof, committing many horrid ravages, plundering, burning, and deſtroying every thing on their way.

Extract of a letter from C. Lawſon to his Excellency the Governour, dated Smithfield, May 13, 1779.

"I preſume your Excellency by this time is pretty well informed of the ſtrength and movements of the enemy. From accounts which I have received, the cruel and bad depredations and rapine committed on the unfortunate and defenceleſs inhabitants who have fallen within their reach, exceed almoſt any thing yet heard of within the circle of their tragic diſplay of ſavage barbarity. Houſehold furniture, ſtocks of all kinds, [illegible] and in ſhort almoſt every ſpecies of portable property are equally deſtroyed with [illegible] by theſe vile incarnate, murder, rape, [illegible] and violence, fill up the dark catalogue of their deteſtable tranſactions. They [illegible] and took a ſmall body of Frenchmen at the Great Bridge, who they murdered immediately on the ſpot, to the amount of ſeven. The feelings of humanity are deeply wounded with reflections on the [illegible] and pointed cruelties [illegible] towards our ſuffering countrymen, and call aloud for the moſt vigorous and ſpirited exertions. The militia at this place on being informed that arms were coming down for them, are much pleaſed up, [illegible] the greateſt deſire of revenge and retaliation."

Extract of another letter from the ſame gentleman to his Excellency the Governour.

"On my way [illegible] from Smithfield towards Suffolk I met numbers of the unfortunate and diſtreſſed inhabitants flying from the approach of the enemy, and ſuch [illegible] as language cannot paint [illegible] no pleaſure [illegible] believe your Excellency will [illegible] an acquaintance [illegible] upon the cruelty [illegible] of our unhappy countrymen and fellow-creatures, but on the preſent occaſion they exceed any thing in imagination.

"The enemy are now in poſſeſſion of Suffolk; a part of which is actually in [illegible] and the whole will probably be ſo in a ſhort time."

To the PRINTERS.

Friends and Countrymen,

WHEN our country is invaded by the avowed enemies to [illegible] which is threatened with all the [illegible] which [illegible] and cruelty [illegible] longer time [illegible] who [illegible] we have [illegible] tyrants. [illegible] not [illegible] but [illegible] to the [illegible] power, [illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible] the victims of brutal [illegible] to reſiſt the [illegible] nobly to [illegible] and to [illegible] vengeance upon an enemy [illegible] barbarous [illegible] only [illegible] which now [illegible] They have already [illegible] Your houſes are [illegible] your wives have been [illegible] To the Heſſian and the [illegible] ſtigalanter, let them now offer [illegible] their [illegible] to mercy. But what mercy are they to hope from thoſe whoſe avowed [illegible] conqueſt, ruin, and miſery! Indignation [illegible] the place of reflection. Indignation ſhould hurry us to action. [illegible] the noble emulation, who firſt ſhould have the immortal glory of plunging his dagger in the breaſt of ſuch an enemy.

Fortunately for us, we have men to command, beloved, reſpected, and admired for their intrepidity, activity, and good conduct; men who if ſupported by their fellow-citizens, will ſoon baffle the deſigns of our enemy; will ſoon reſcue this country from the diſgrace of being plundered and ravaged by a mercileſs banditti. Virginia [illegible] fit for publick ſpirit. Her ſons have now the moſt glorious opportunity of gaining immortal fame. They have a commander to lead them to the field, whoſe experience and bravery will enſure them victory. They may now have the glorious ſatiſfaction not only of ſaving their country, but of revenge, [illegible] revenge [illegible] which if carried into execution, will entail ſhame and ruin upon us to the lateſt ages.

Activity, vigour, a determination to conquer or to die, will ſoon expel theſe invaders of our rights; torpor and inactivity will confirm them in their conqueſt. Example will create heroes. The body of the people muſt be put in motion by the influence of thoſe whom they reſpect and eſteem. Follow then the conduct of our brave brethren to the north, remember what gave a favourable caſt to the melancholy proſpect they had before them. Men of fortune and diſtinction were the firſt to oppoſe the enemy. Succeſs crowned their efforts, and patriotiſm received [illegible] Similar example here will enſure ſimilar ſucceſs. The progreſs of the enemy in our country may carry along with it the moſt dangerous conſequences. What acceſſions will they not gain from thoſe among us who feel every day the yoke of ſlavery! We ſhall ſupply them with the certain means of our own deſtruction, unleſs our activity and vigour arreſt them in their progreſs. The poſſeſſion of ſufficient ground for their encampment is not only diſgraceful to us, but ruinous. It will be an aſylum for our ſlaves; they will flock to their ſtandards, and form the flower of their army. They will rival the Heſſian or Highlanders, if poſſible, in cruelty and deſolation. It is ſaid that at preſent their army does not conſiſt of more than two thouſand. This circumſtance, which may lull us into ſecurity, ſeems to threaten the moſt fatal conſequences, unleſs we reſolve to anticipate the evil. They doubtleſs expect reinforcements from our ſlaves [illegible]

In a word, the means of our ſalvation are ſimple, but certain and glorious, if we will ſeize them in time. Delay and inactivity will bring along with them infamy, diſgrace, and certain deſtruction.

A VIRGINIAN.

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By His Excellency PATRICK HENRY, Eſq; Governour or Chief Magiſtrate of VIRGINIA:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS a Britiſh fleet arrived in this commonwealth on Sunday laſt, and the next day landed troops, who took the fort at Portſmouth, and alſo deſtroyed many veſſels there, and have ſince marched and taken the town of Suffolk, and burnt a part thereof, committing [illegible] other horrid ravages and depredations, ſuch as plundering, burning houſes, killing and carrying away ſtocks of all ſorts, and exerciſing other abominable cruelties and barbarities, and it is ſuppoſed that they will carry their depredations into other parts of this ſtate: I have therefore, by and with the advice of the Council of State, iſſued this my proclamation, requiring the county lieutenants and other military officers in this commonwealth, and eſpecially thoſe on navigable waters, to hold their reſpective militia in readineſs to oppoſe the attempts of the enemy whereſoever they may be made.

GIVEN under my hand and the ſeal of the commonwealth, at the Capitol in the city of Williamſburg, the 14th day of May in the third year of the commonwealth, Annoque Domini 1779.

P. HENRY.

WILLIAMSBURG, May 13, 1779.

BY order of Major General Green, quartermaſter general, I am directed to make publick the following reſolution of Congreſs, and to require that all officers in the ſtaff in my diſtrict pay ſtrict attention thereto, ſo far as the ſame relates to them.

WILLIAM FINNIE, D. Q. M. G.

In CONGRESS, March 6, 1779.

WHEREAS it will be neceſſary that, in future, certificates be more formally authenticated, to prevent many inconveniencies which may ariſe ſimilar to thoſe already experienced:

Reſolved, that certificates hereafter given by commiſſioned officers for articles received for the uſe of the army be ſigned with their names at full length, and the rank they hold; and if under a general officer, that the regiment to which they belong be added; that the particular articles received be inſerted in the body of the certificates; their value, the time when, and place where received, in letters, not in figures.

That the certificates be directed to the principal of the department, whoſe duty it is to provide the articles ſo received, or to his deputy. Separate certificates be given [illegible] the articles appertain to ſeveral [illegible]

That officers keep exact copies [illegible] cates they give, and tranſmit [illegible] to the neareſt deputy or agent in the department, giving him the neceſſary information reſpecting the buſineſs.—That the deputies tranſmit copies of all the certificates they pay [illegible] principals, that inquiry may be made whether [illegible] the certificates was neceſſary for the [illegible] and whether the things received [illegible] properly applied.

THE ſettlement of the accounts for ſupplying the militia lately embodied to march to the Southward, as advertiſed in laſt week's paper, will be deferred on account of the preſent ſituation of affairs. We will meet the parties concerned at *Peterſburg* for adjuſting their accounts as ſoon as the preſent alarm is over, of which we ſhall give notice.

W. AYLETT, D. C. G. I.
W. G. MUNFORD, D. C. C. P.

THIS is to certify, that ſome time in the month of *October* laſt a contract was made between Mr. *Matthew Anderſon* and myſelf, viz. that the ſaid Mr. *Anderſon* was to deliver me a certain quantity of corn at a price then agreed between us; he was not obliged to deliver it till the 1ſt day of *April*, nor was I obliged to receive it till the 15th of January then enſuing. At *February Glouceſter* court Mr. *Anderſon* applied to me, and told me that an act of Aſſembly had paſſed late in *December*, which in his opinion put it out of his power to comply with his contract, unleſs he would [illegible] in the face of the act, and incur the penalty thereof, which he could by no means think of doing. I aſked him what he meant to do; he readily agreed if we could not ſettle it [illegible] ourſelves he was very willing to ſubmit it to gentlemen of character and veracity, and whatever they might determine he would abide by; this [illegible] agreed to by us both; but at the court he declared, that had not an act of the law put the compliance out of his power he would have [illegible] ruin; upon the whole, Mr. *Anderſon* has [illegible] acted in the character of a [illegible], and ſhewn the greateſt willingneſs to do every thing that was juſt and honourable. I am induced to ſet forth the above from a groundleſs report that has prevailed, that Mr. *Anderſon* poſitively refuſed to arbitrate the matter, and acted as if he was determined to make uſe of every mean advantage to evade [illegible] the ſmalleſt ſatisfaction. Given under my hand this [illegible] day of *May*, 1779.

[illegible] ROBERT MATTHEWS.

L[illegible] county, [illegible] 1779.

THE ſubſcriber was robbed on the [illegible] of *February* laſt, at the [illegible] *Green*, or ordinary in *Caroline* county, of £.2554 : 18 (in ſheets of the new *Virginia* currency) [illegible] other ſums of money, &c. One hundred ſheets [illegible] the check [illegible] as follows: 18, 28,
38, 48 58 68, 78 88 98, 108 118 128,
138 148, 158 168, 178, 188, 198, 208, 218,
228, 238 248, 258 268 278 288 298, 308,
318 328 338 348 358 368, 378 388 398,
408 418, 428 438, 448, 458 468 478 488,
498 508 518 528 538 548 558 568 578,
588 598 608 618 628 638 648 658 668,
678 688 698 708 718, 728 738 748 758,
778, 788, 798, 808, 818, 828, 838, 848, 858,
868, 878 888 888, 898 908 918, 928, 938
948 958 968 978, 988, 998, 1008, 1018,
1028 1038 1048, 1058 1068 1078 1088,
1098, 1108, 1118 1128 1138, 1148 1158
1168 1178, 1188 1198 1208, 1218, 1228,
1238 1248 1258 1268 1278, 1288. 1298.
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1798 1808. 1818. 1828. 1838. 1848. 1858.
1868. 1878. 1888. 1898. 1908. 1918. 1928.
1938. 1948. 1958. 1968. 1978. 1988. 1998.
2008. I will give the above reward to any perſon that delivers the ſaid money to me, or gives ſuch information, ſo that I get it again. Should this money be offered in payment to any gentlemen, it is hoped they will ſtop it, and give information thereof to their very humble ſervant,

6 WILLIAM STA[illegible]

For SALE,

A TRACT of land [illegible] in *Fauquier* county, containing nine hundred acres, near [illegible], on which is a conſiderable quantity of meadow land, ſome of it already improved; ſeveral valuable buildings, and three plantations already opened and incloſed, ſufficient to work twelve or fourteen hands; the land is fertile [illegible], convenient to [illegible] meeting-houſe, mill and ſtores, and is [illegible] excellent either for tobacco, wheat, or corn; and a good orchard on the premiſes of almoſt all kinds of fruit. Any perſon or perſons inclinable to purchaſe may ſee the land, and know the terms, by applying to the ſubſcriber on the premiſes.

2 JAMES DOWALL.

N. B. The above land will be ſold altogether, or in ſeparate lots, as may beſt ſuit the purchaſer.

[illegible] a young man, of creditable parents, [illegible] any buſineſs, either in the [illegible], or upon travels. He [illegible] knowledge of accounts in general, [illegible] a ſober diſpoſition, [illegible] himſelf by ſtrict honeſty and [illegible] the *French* language, [illegible]. Security will be required for any [illegible] placed in him. Such a one will [illegible] good encouragement, and [illegible] much of [illegible] connections in general. Particulars [illegible] obliged to [illegible], which will be [illegible]

[illegible]

CAPPAHOSICK FERRY on *York* ſide of the river is furniſhed with two good boats, one for wheel carriages, the other for men and horſe. Thoſe who pleaſe to favour me with their cuſtom may depend on being faithfully dealt by. I have a large paſture well encloſed. Any gentlemen that think proper to ſend their horſes may be ſupplied with corn at ſeven ſhillings and ſix pence *per* gallon, and paſturage for two dollars *per* week, and the exacteſt care taken of them.

WILLIAM K[illegible]

Hampton, *Elizabeth City*, *April* [illegible], 1779.

COMMITTED to jail a negro who calls himſelf *James*, and ſays he belongs to one [illegible] of *North Carolina*, *Perquim's* county, on [illegible]. He is a black fellow, of a middle ſtature, appears to be about twenty years of age, his back is much ſcarred by ſcourging, and ſays he can work at the [illegible] buſineſs. His owner is deſired to take him away, and pay charges.

[illegible] JOHN SEYMOUR, jailer.

STOLEN from *York* town on *Sunday* the [illegible] inſtant (*May*) a ſmall dark bay horſe about ten or eleven years old, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, no brand that I remember, [illegible] rubbed off his rump as if ſcalded. I will give ten dollars to any perſon that will give ſuch intelligence as I get him again, and ten pounds on conviction of the thief, paid by

1 BENJAMIN MOSS.

STRAYED from *Peterſburg* about the [illegible] of *April* laſt, a ſorrel ſtone colt three years old this ſpring, neither docked nor branded, about four feet ſeven inches high, with a blaze in his face. I will give forty dollars reward to any perſon on delivering the ſaid colt to me in *Prince George* county, near *Peterſburg*.

* WILLIAM B[illegible]

TAKEN up in *Lunenburg*, about twelve months ago, near *Brunswick Hales* bridge, three [illegible] ſteers, one about [illegible] the other two about three years old, marked with a ſwallow fork in each ear.

W. M. C[illegible]

TAKEN up in *Fauquier*, a large pale red ſteer [illegible] with a crop and ſwallow fork in the right ear, and a crop and a hole in the left, the hole appears to have been torn open. Appraiſed to twenty five pounds.

G[illegible]

Extract of an act intituled An Act for raiſing a ſupply of money for publick exigencies.

"EVERY naval officer ſhall half yearly, on the 25th day of *April* and *October*, render an account upon oath to the publick treaſurer of all duties by him received purſuant to this act in the preceding half year, and pay the money [illegible] duties, deducting five *per cent.* for the ſame; and the clerk of each county or corporation court ſhall, on the ſame days, half yearly, render an account upon oath to the ſaid treaſurer of all the taxes by him received for marriage and ordinary licenſes, and for the duty upon tobacco exported by land in the preceding half year, and pay the money for ſuch taxes, deducting five *per cent.* for the ſame; and every naval officer, or clerk of a court, failing to render ſuch account ſhall forfeit and pay the ſum of five hundred pounds for every offence."

Such of the naval officers and county court clerks as have neglected to pay the ſaid taxes, are adviſed to make ſpeedy payment, and prevent incurring the above penalties.

Judgments were obtained at the laſt General Court againſt ſeveral ſheriffs for non-payment of the aſſeſſments in their counties, and unleſs the ſame are ſhortly diſcharged executions will be iſſued.

The perſons who have received money for the recruiting ſervice, the ſheriffs who have not yet paid the balances of tobacco due to the publick by the act *For raiſing a publick levy*, paſſed in the year 1777, the ſeveral collectors, and all others indebted to the publick, are required to ſettle with the auditors, and pay their reſpective balances, or they will be proceeded againſt as the law directs.

For ſale, on Thurſday the 20th inſtant (May) being Spotſylvania court day,

A NEGRO man, his wife and child, and three negro children, for ready money or tobacco, by

WILLIAM WIATT.

☞ Who has for ſale, a quantity of cotton and wool cards of the beſt quality, which he would barter for *Weſt India* or country produce, or ſell on reaſonable terms for ready money.

Fredericksburg, April 28, 1779.

STOLEN out of my [illegible] oppoſite *Fredericksburg*, on the 25th of *April*, a large dark [illegible] horſe [illegible] years old, has a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, trots and gallops very rough, his brand (if any) I do not remember. Whoever will bring the ſaid horſe to me, or convince me ſo that I get him again, ſhall receive twenty dollars reward, and fifty dollars on conviction of the thief.

G. WEEDON.

LOST between *Ruff*'s ferry and *William*[illegible] old POCKET BOOK [illegible] new *Virginia* money, [illegible] *Pennſylvania* money, and [illegible] *Auguſt*. Whoever [illegible] book and [illegible] *Pleaſant*, or [illegible] *Ruff*'s ferry, ſhall have [illegible] reward [illegible]

Williamſburg, [illegible] 1779.

STRAYED [illegible] teen hands [illegible] tail and [illegible] forehead, [illegible] a ſhort neck and [illegible] the ſaddle, [illegible]. Whoever will deliver her to the ſubſcriber at the college, or to Mr. *James Shields* [illegible], ſhall have five pounds reward, [illegible] travelling charges.

1w GEORGE S[illegible]

[illegible] county, ſc.

COMMONWEALTH of *Virginia*. To the ſheriff of [illegible] county, greeting: We command you that you ſummon [illegible], eldeſt ſon and heir at law of *John P*[illegible] deceaſed, to appear before our juſtices of our court of the ſaid county at the courthouſe on the firſt *Friday* in *November* next, to anſwer a bill in chancery exhibited againſt him by *Cleaveland Pa*[illegible]; and this he ſhall in no wiſe omit. And have then there this writ. Witneſs *Benjamin* [illegible] clerk of our ſaid court at the courthouſe the 15th day of *October* in the third year of the commonwealth.

THE day appointed in Mr. [illegible]'s paper of the [illegible] 1779 for the ſale of a negro boy belonging to Mrs. [illegible]'s eſtate, being the day ſet apart for faſting and praying, occaſions the executors to let the publick know that the ſaid ſlave will be ſold on the firſt *Thurſday* in *June*, at the courthouſe in *King George* county.

* GERARD HO[illegible]
JOHN ALEXANDER.

LATH.

STANDS at Mr. [illegible] *B. Toſe*'s ſtable, near [illegible], to cover [illegible] ſeaſon, at [illegible] the mare, and [illegible] the ſeaſon, the [illegible] to be paid when the mares are taken away. [illegible] gentlemen's [illegible], and great care [illegible], but I will not be anſwerable for any that may be loſt. *Lath* is fifteen hands [illegible] inch high, [illegible] bony, [illegible] by *Shepherd's Crab*, [illegible] Mr. *Fenton's* [illegible], the beſt mare in *England*, the Duke of *Devonſhire*'s celebrated *Partner*, and many other famous racers: *Shepherd's Crab* was a very excellent ſon of *Old Crab* and out of the famous *Widdrington* mare, daughter of *Old Partner*; his dam was got by *Lath* the beſt ſon of the *Godolphin Arabian*, and out of *Roxana*, a daughter of the *Bald Galloway*, the fleeteſt horſe (the *Devonſhire Childers* excepted) that ever ran over *Newmarket*; his grand dam by the ſame *Flying Childers*, great grand dam by *Makeleſs*, out of a full ſiſter to [illegible] ſon of the *Darley Barb*; his great great grand dam was a natural *Barb* mare. This horſe in 1767, then four years old, won the eight hundred guineas ſubſcription at *Newmarket*, beating Lord *Bolingbroke*'s [illegible] and [illegible] others; [illegible] he was landed in *America*, and that year won the fifty pound purſe at *Newmarket* on *Long Iſland*, carrying weight for age; in 1769, he won the jockey club purſe of one hundred pounds at *Philadelphia*, beating then the beſt running horſes from *Maryland*, &c. in 1770 he won [illegible] hundred at the ſame place; in 1771 he alſo won [illegible] hundred at *Newmarket*; and never was beat [illegible] once, when he ran out of condition, otherwiſe it [illegible] thought he would have won eaſy. As *Lath* is deſcended from the moſt valuable blood in *England*, counting the *Godolphin Arabian*, *Childers*, *Old Makeleſs*, the *Darley Barb*, the *Bald Galloway*, *Old Partner*, he may be juſtly pronounced one of the beſt bred horſes that ever was brought to [illegible]. *Widdrington*'s blood was in great repute [illegible] ten years old a large price was paid for [illegible] embarked for *England*. *Lath*'s grand dam was own ſiſter to *Old Cade*, the ſire of *Wildair*, *Matchem Cade*, and many other high formed horſes.

2 FRAN[illegible] G[illegible]

TAKEN up in *Prince William*, two [illegible] One a bull, marked with a ſwallow [illegible] right ear, and a crop and hole in the le[illegible] a heifer, marked with a crop in the r[illegible] ſlit in the left. Appraiſed to twelve [illegible]

* THOMA[illegible]

Isle of Wight, May 4, 1779.

I INTEND to leave the ſtate immediately.

HUGH PROVAN.

TAKEN up in *Brunſwick*, a bay mare about four feet ſix inches high, ſixteen or ſeventeen years old, no brand perceivable, and has a hanging mane and ſwitch tail. Appraiſed to twenty five pounds.

John Dawson.

TAKEN up in *Charlotte* county, three hogs, viz. One ſow marked with a crop and underkeel in each ear, of a red ſandy colour, with ſome black ſpots. Two barrows of a red ſandy colour, with ſome black ſpots, marked with a crop and underkeel in each ear, and a hole in the right. Appraiſed to fourteen pounds.

Anthony Griffin.

TAKEN up in *Charlotte* county, a dark brown ſteer with a motley face, appears to be about five years old, marked with two ſmall crops and a ſmall underkeel in the right ear. Appraiſed to ſixteen pounds.

Adam Finch.

TAKEN up in *Lunenburg* county, on *Meherring* river, a brindled bull about five years old, marked with a underkeel in the right ear, and a ſwallow fork in the left. Appraiſed to twelve pounds.

Philip Rubb.

TAKEN up in *Lunenburg* county, a ſorrel mare nine or ten years old, four feet ſeven inches high, with a light mane and tail. Appraiſed to one hundred pounds. ||

William Edding.

TAKEN up in *Amherſt* county, a bay mare about two years old, four feet three or four inches high, one hind foot white, neither dockt nor branded. Appraiſed to thirty pounds.

Josiah Wood.

Will be expoſed to SALE before
the Raleigh Door,
On Thurſday the 20th Inſtant,
TWO LIKELY YOUNG
NEGRO MEN,
Who have been brought up to the Coach and Chair Harneſs and Shoemaking Buſineſs.

PURSUANT to orders from His Excellency the Governour, the ſubſcribers will attend i[illegible] from *Monday* the 24th, [illegible] the 27th inſtant, incluſive, [illegible] and diſcharge all accounts for proviſions furniſhed the militia lately embodied to march to the Southward, and hope all concerned will give due attendance.

William Aylett, D. C. G. P.
W. G. Munford, D. C. G. I.

THE ſubſcriber intending immediately to *Philadelphia* to ſettle his accounts, and reſign, requeſts all perſons who have demands on him, on publick account, to apply at the time and place above mentioned, as he will not think himſelf liable afterwards.

William Aylett.

GOLDFINDER, a fine bay, fifteen hands and a half high, will cover mares the enſuing ſeaſon at *Fairley's* ordinary, in *Amelia*, for twenty five dollars the leap, and fifty dollars the ſeaſon. Good paſturage will be found the mares *gratis*, and the greateſt attention paid to them, but will not be anſwerable for accidents.

28 Stephen Cocke.

☞ *Goldfinder* was got by *Old Fearnought*, his dam *Whittington*, his grandam by *Old Jolly Roger*, his great grandam was *Creeping Cate*, a mare imported [illegible] *Old Jolly Roger* by Col. *John Tayloe* and Col. [illegible] *Moore*.

Robert C. Pick.
John Wilkes.

DESERTED from the county of *Isle of Wight*, *Joseph M'Gare*, a ſubſtitute for the ſaid county, about twenty five years of age, about five feet [illegible] inches high, and is a native of *Maryland*. [illegible] *Morris*, *John Brown*, *Francis Collar*, and [illegible] all Frenchmen, about twenty [illegible] age, and about five feet ten inches high. [illegible] *Garret*, an *Engliſhman*, about five feet [illegible] high, pitted with the ſmallpox, and [illegible] years of age. A reward of forty dollars for each of them delivered to the [illegible] lonel of the ſaid county.

THE ſhip BERNIER, now loading at *Broadway*, near *Peterſburg*, has three hundred hogſheads of her cargo engaged, and will ſail with all convenient ſpeed. She is armed, ſails very faſt, and has commodious accommodations for paſſengers. Any perſons inclinable to treat for freight, or paſſage, may know the terms by applying to Col. *William Call* at *Peterſburg*, or to the maſter on board.

Twenty DOLLARS *Reward.*

STRAYED from *York* town laſt fall, two red and white cows. One about ſix years old, the other ſuppoſed to be nine, which one has a broken horn, the marks forgot.

THOMAS LILLY.

THE NOTED HIGH BRED
SWIFT HORSE

ECLIPSE, lately the property of *Lewis Burwell* Eſq; ſtands at my ſtable in *Glouceſter* county, and will cover mares at fifteen pounds the ſeaſon. I have large and fine paſtures, and all poſſible care ſhall be taken of any mares that are ſent, but I will not be anſwerable for accidents.

2ll Francis Willis.

One Hundred DOLLARS *Reward.*

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber in *Powhatan* county, living on *Ballinger's* creek, in *April* 1778, a ſorrel mare three years old this ſpring, about 4 feet 7 inches high when ſhe went away, a blaze in her face, branded on the near ſhoulder and buttock with a heart, and has a long dock.

2 John Moore.

TAKEN up in *Cheſterfield* county, a brindled ſteer with a motley face, and marked with a crop and half moon in each ear. Appraiſed to twelve pounds.

George Vaden.

TAKEN up in *Charlotte* county, two red cows, viz. One ten or eleven years old, with a white face and belly, and marked with two ſmooth crops. The other twelve or thirteen years old, unmarked, with a bell on. Appraiſed, one to twelve pounds ten ſhillings, and the other to ten pounds fifteen ſhillings.

W. Hubard.

TAKEN up in *Prince Edward*, a red bull about four years old, marked with a crop in the right ear, and a ſwallow fork in the left. Appraiſed to ſeven pounds.

2 Nat. Bassitt.

FOR SALE, the reverſion of a valuable tract of land, containing about 1200 acres, ſituated on *York* river near the town, and adjoining the lands of Col. *William Diggs*. Mr. *Edward Baptiſt* will ſhow the lands to any perſon inclined to purchaſe. For terms apply to Mr. *Thomas Tuant*, merchant in *Peterſburg*, or to the ſubſcribers in the *Iſle of Wight*.

John Olive.
Ann Olive.

Williamsburg, *April* 28, 1779.

WANTED on charter for the *Weſt Indies*, two or three faſt ſailing *Virginia* PILOT BOATS. For farther particulars inquire of me in this city.

John H. Norton.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD

FOR delivering to the Printer a very dark bay horſe that ſtrayed from this city about the 9th inſtant (*April*). He is near fifteen hands high, about eight years old, has a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, a ſtar in his forehead, branded on the near buttock V, is very low in fleſh, and his feet appear to have been lately trimmed.

FOR ſale, one thouſand acres of land well timbered, and two very good plantations included in the ſaid tract. One of the plantations may be made a fine ſeat for any gentleman, as it fronts the bay, where there is a fine fiſhery both for the fall and ſhads in their ſeaſon, and convenient to the market in *Norfolk* or *Portſmouth*. The land is well known to be exceeding good, and there is a plenty of oyſters always to be caught. The terms may be known by applying to the ſubſcriber.

John Willoughby.

PURSUANT to the will of *John Alexander*, Eſq; deceaſed, I have laid off ſeveral half acre lots of land adjoining the town of *Alexandria*, which will be leaſed on ground rent for ever, to the higheſt bidder, on *Monday* the 25th of *May*, if fair, otherwiſe the next fair day, by

Lucy Alexander, Adm.

To be SOLD *to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, on Monday the 14th of June next, at* Mecklenburg *courthouſe* [illegible]

A TRACT of land in the ſaid county, containing 1268 acres, adjoining the land of Mr. *William Call*, and lying on the branches of *Butcher's* creek.

B. Dickson.

RUN away the 1ſt inſtant (*April*) a negro man named ANTHONY. He is [illegible] mulattoes, has large lips, a large beard, hair or wool longer than common for negroes, and is very well made. He was ſeen on his way to *Peterſburg*, where he formerly lived, and is ſuppoſed to be in that neighbourhood. I will give forty dollars to any perſon who delivers him to *Dabney Philips*, my overſeer, at the *Occoneechy* iſlands in *Mecklenburg* county, or twenty dollars to any one who ſecures him in priſon, and gives me notice thereof.

Lewis Burwell.

THE HIGH BRED HORSE
ROCKINGHAM

IS for ſale. He is ſixteen hands high, riſing ſeven years old, and in fine order for covering the next ſeaſon. The terms may be known by applying to Major *John Minor*, at *Colley's* ſwamp, *Hanover* county, where the horſe is to be ſeen.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber on the 22d inſtant (*March*) a mulatto ſlave called MATT, about twenty five years of age, five feet ten or eleven inches high, was inoculated for the ſmallpox laſt *May*, and has the marks very plain in his face. He was formerly the property of Mr. *David Roſs*, merchant in *Blandford*, who purchaſed him of Mrs *Jane Vobe* in *Williamſburg*, and is well known by moſt gentlemen who frequented the General Courts in that city. His dreſs, when he went off, was a blue cloth coat, buff jacket, and leather breeches, ſhoe boots, but as he carried away ſundry other clothes, and is a ſenſible fellow, I make no doubt but he will change his dreſs, and endeavour to paſs as a freeman. He probably may have procured a paſs, as he did once before when he eloped, in which he changed his name to *William Lynd*, alias *Matthew Davenport*. His dreſs being very clever as a waiting man, he may probably endeavour to hire himſelf to ſome gentleman. This is to forewarn all maſters of veſſels and others from employing, or harbouring him, as they ſhall anſwer for it at their peril. Any perſon that ſecures the ſaid ſlave, ſo that I get him again, ſhall receive Thirty Dollars reward, and if delivered to me in [illegible] One Hundred Dollars.

Alexander G. Strachan.

HECTOR, an imported hunter, full fifteen hands or upwards high, ſtout, ſtrong, active, and well formed, ſtands the enſuing ſeaſon at my houſe near *Blandford* in *Prince George*, and will cover mares at ſix pounds the leap, or fifteen pounds the ſeaſon. Paſturage *gratis*, and the greateſt care will be taken of the mares, though I will not be liable for eſcapes. The money to be ſent with the mares, or paid before taken away. (tf)

William Call.

Hector was imported for a genuine hunter of the ſtouteſt kind by his Excellency Governour *Reed* of *Pennſylvania*. His pedigree ſigned by *Richard [illegible]*, Eſq; by which his ſtock was from the [illegible], and his dam one of the fineſt mares then in *England*.

[illegible] DOLLARS *Reward.*

TO the perſon that will deliver to me, in the lower end of *Buckingham* county, a likely black *Virginia* born negro fellow, who has been runaway about ten years, his name *Eſſex*, alias *Suſſex*. I am informed that he paſſes for a freeman, and has taken the ſurname of *Scott*, and goes ſometimes by water. I am told he was at *Smithfield* laſt ſummer, at the houſe of Mr. *Hoofe*. He is very ſtraight, talks thick, has a bad breaking out under one of his jaws, the ſcars very viſible when he went away. He is about twenty nine years old, has rather a ſtern countenance, and was very fond of playing on the fiddle before he left me.

8 Anthony Winston.

WHEREAS, by a late act of Aſſembly, the diſtilling of grain is prohibited, provided no publick contractor will give fifteen ſhillings per buſhel for it, to put a ſtop to ſuch a pernicious practice as well as to ſupply the magazines plentifully, I do hereby give notice, that a generous price, exceeding fifteen ſhillings per buſhel, will be given for Indian corn, rye, barley, wheat, or ſpelts, delivered to the commiſſary of purchaſes at [illegible], *Alexandria*, *Dumfries*, *Fredericksburg*, *Staunton*, *Charlottesville*, *Richmond*, *Manchester*, and *Peterſburg*. I will alſo contract with thoſe who cannot deliver [illegible] to take it from their plantations.

(tf) William Aylett, D. C. G. P.

STRAYED or STOLEN from [illegible] ordinary, in *Goochland*, [illegible] bay horſe about fourteen hands high, [illegible] mane and ſwitch tail, branded [illegible] ſpots on his back [illegible] is apt to chew and [illegible] young. I will give [illegible] dollars for information where he may be had, or one hundred on conviction of the thief, if ſtolen.

(tf) William Aylett.